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1. SUMMARY: ITEM 96 (ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF UN WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IAEA) WAS INTRODUCED BY ACABQ CHAIRMAN. ITEM 102 (PERSONNEL QUESTIONS: COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT) WAS RESUMED, WITH STATEMENTS BY PERU, AUSTRALIA, BYELORUSSIA, INDIA, TURKEY, AFGHANISTAN, JAMAICA, SWEDEN, PALISTAN, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, CZ-ECHOSLOVAKIA, JORDAN. MOST SPEAKERS SUPPORTED SYG PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING MEMBERSHIP FACTOR; ALL URGED BETTER TREATMENT FOR WOMEN, SOME DISCUSSING LITTLE ELSE. END SUMMARY.

2. ITEM 96 (ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF UN WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IAEA). CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ MSELLE INTRODUCED TWO ACABQ REPORTS: (A) A/31/227 DEALING WITH UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND (B) A/31/233 DEALING WITH COORDINATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM. SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM ACQBQ SUGGESTION IN PARA 12 OF A/10360 THAT QTE WITH ADOPTION OF BIENNIAL BUDGETING BY MANY ORGANIZATIONS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DISPENSE WITH ANNUAL REPORTING TO GA ON BUDGETS OF AGENCIES UNQTE AND PARA B OF THE 30TH GA DECISION ON COORDINATION WHETHER ACABQ COULD DISPENSE WITH ANNUAL REPORTS, AND HE SOUGHT GUIDANCE ON THIS. THERE WERE NO OTHER SPEAKERS.
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3. ITEM 102 (PERSONNEL QUESTIONS: COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT) (A) PERU (PONCE) EXPRESSED OPTIMISM SYG FOR NEXT GA WILL SUBMIT REPORT WITH MORE ENCOURAGING RESULTS REGARDING WOMEN IN UN. HOPED SYG WOULD SEND GREATER NUMBER OF MISSIONS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO RECRUIT YOUNGER CANDIDATES POSSESSING QUALITIES ENUNCIATED IN ARTICLE 101 OF CHARTER, TO EXCLUSION OF QTE POLITICAL UNQTE APPOINTMENTS.

(B) AUSTRALIA (FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR CAMERON) FOR THIRD SUCCESSIVE GA DEVOTED MOST OF STATEMENT TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN. HOPED FOR RAPID APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSPERSON OR PANEL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING COURSES FOR AVOIDANCE DISCRIMINATION. SUPPORTED PROPOSED CHANGE IN METHOD OF CALCULATING GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION RANGES. WITH UNDERSTANDING THERE BE NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENT, WOULD ACCEPT CHANGE TO 2-7 RANGE FOR MINIMUM-ASSESSED STATES AND EMPHASIZED THIS CHANGE GOES FAR ENOUGH IN RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP FACTOR.

(FULL TEXT POUCHEO IR.)

(C) BYELORUSSIA (ZVONKO) POINTED TO CONTINUED IMBALANCE IN COMPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT AND CHARGED SYG'S RECRUITMENT EFFORTS ARE AIMED IN CONTRARY DIRECTION TO CORRECTING SITUATION. REGARDING D-1 AND HIGHER POSTS, SAID EE IS ONLY REGION BELOW MEDIAN RANGE. LIKE OTHER EE SPEAKERS, URGED MORE FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS AND THE CLEARING OUT OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE OVER-STAYING RETIREMENT AGE.

(D) INDIA (REV MATHIAS) SAID GEOGRAPHY HAD UNFORTUNATELY COME TO OUTWEIGH PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATIONS OF COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY. COMPETENCE MUST COME FIRST BUT SECRETARIAT MUST REFLECT FACT THAT LDC'S MAKE UP TWO-THIRDS OF WORLD'S POPULATION. SUPPORTED NEW METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING DESIRABLE RANGES AND SAID THE 15 PERCENT FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE USED IN FAVOR OF UNDERREPRESENTED COUNTRIES AND REGIONS, CHIEFLY THE LESS DEVELOPED. SAID NO DEPARTMENT OR POST SHOULD BE MONOPOLIZED BY NATIONALITY AT POLICY-MAKING LEVELS (SUGGESTED ROTATION), AND URGED MORE PLACEMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY NATIONALS IN DEPARTMENTS OF CONCERN TO THEM, SUCH AS ESA. FOR MORE FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS. COMMENDED COMPETITIVE EXAMS. FOR MORE WOMEN IN RESPONSIBLE POSTS.

(E) TURKEY (KIVANC) HAD NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NEW METHOD FOR DERIVING GEOGRAPHICAL RANGES AND ACCEPTED SUGGESTED NEW RANGE OF 2-7 FOR MINIMUM-ASSESSED. AGREED TO UNCHANGED UNCLASSIFIED

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POPULATION FACTOR FOR PRESENT BUT EXPRESSED HOPE POPULATION BE TAKEN IN CONSIDERATION WHEN NEXT CONTRIBUTIONS REVIEW UNDERTAKEN.

(F) AFGHANISTAN (GHAFOURZAI) URGED COOPERATION OF MEMBER STATES IN REFRAINING FROM UNREALISTIC PRESSURES, WHICH WOULD ONLY HEIGHTEN IMBALANCE IF PRACTICED. URGED GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN, CITING LACK OF FEMALE INCLUSION IN 1976 D-1 PROMOTION REGISTER. ACCEPTED BOTH NEW PROPOSALS OF SYG FOR CHANGE IN COMPUTATION METHOD AND IN INCREASED

RANGE FOR MINIMUM ASSESSED TO 2-7.

(G) JAMAICA (MCDONOUGH) LIKE ALGERIA, ADVOCATED MORE FIXED -TERM APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' NEED SCARCE TALENT AT HOME. URGED MEMBERS TO SUPPLY QUALIFIED WOMEN.

(H) SWEDEN (LELLKI) DID NOT OBJECT TO PROPOSED NEW METHOD FOR RANGES NOR UNCHANGED POPULATION FACTOR BUT HAD DOUBTS REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASE TO 2-7 FOR MINIMUM-ASSESSED. DISCUSSED AT LENGTH NEED FOR UN DAY CARE CENTER, REFERRING TO ITS 1975 PROPOSAL.

(I) PAKISTAN (BALUCH) AGREED WITH THE 2-7 PROPOSAL. FAVORED EQUALITY FOR WOMEN, SUPPORTED OMBUDSPERSON CONCEPT. SAW BENEFITS TO UN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION FROM GREATER APPOINTMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE THEY WOULD BE TAKEN IN AT LOWER LEVELS.

(J) AUSTRIA (MUCK) DEVOTED ENTIRE STATEMENT TO WOMEN AND EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT. HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT SYG'S PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING COURSES; INVITED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO DAY CARE CENTER PROPOSAL. (FULL TEXT POUCHED IR).

(K) VIERA) CONCURRED WITH PROPOSED NEW FORMULA METHOD. BELIEVED OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED TRAINING COURSES TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION COULD BE ACHIEVED VIA LESS COSTLY MEANS.

(L) CZECHOSLOVAKIA (PLASEK) FOLLOWED USUAL EE LINE ON ALL POINTS; POINTED TO FACT MAY ON UN STAFF DO NOT HAVE UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

(M) JORDAN (BAK) SPOKE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN, AND BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY LEVEL POSTS.

4. PROGRAM OF WORK. AT NEXT MEETING FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15 COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ITEM 102 (PERSONNEL QUESTIONS: COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT); COMPLETE ITEM 93 (MEDIUM TERM PLAN) ON WHICH DRAFT RES WILL BE SUBMITTED; RESUMED ITEM 92-6(USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS) AND BEGIN ITEM 92-H (EMOLUMENTS OF ICJ).

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